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1. Amendment Transmittal with Extension of Time (3pgs);
2. Credit Card Authorization Form (1pg); and
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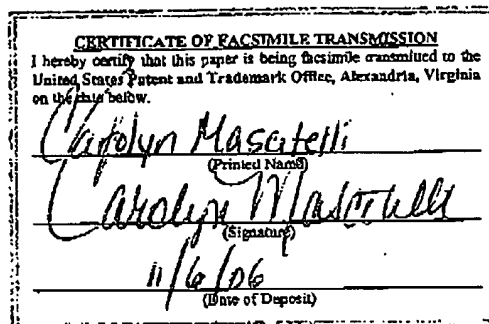
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

☐ Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

☒ The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

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